MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Patti Harrington

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: February 6, 2009

ACTION: Legislative Update

Background: The Board has requested that a brief update of legislative activity be given in each board meeting between now and next March. The update is intended to ensure that Board members are adequately informed of the critical issues that are or may be before the Utah Legislature.

Proposal: Staff will prepare materials for Board information that will be distributed at Board meetings and will be prepared to respond to questions from Board members regarding legislative activities. Staff will briefly present on key bills and issues and will receive direction from the Board.

Anticipated Action: It is recommended that the Board receive the report. The Board may also wish to take positions on some proposed bills.

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